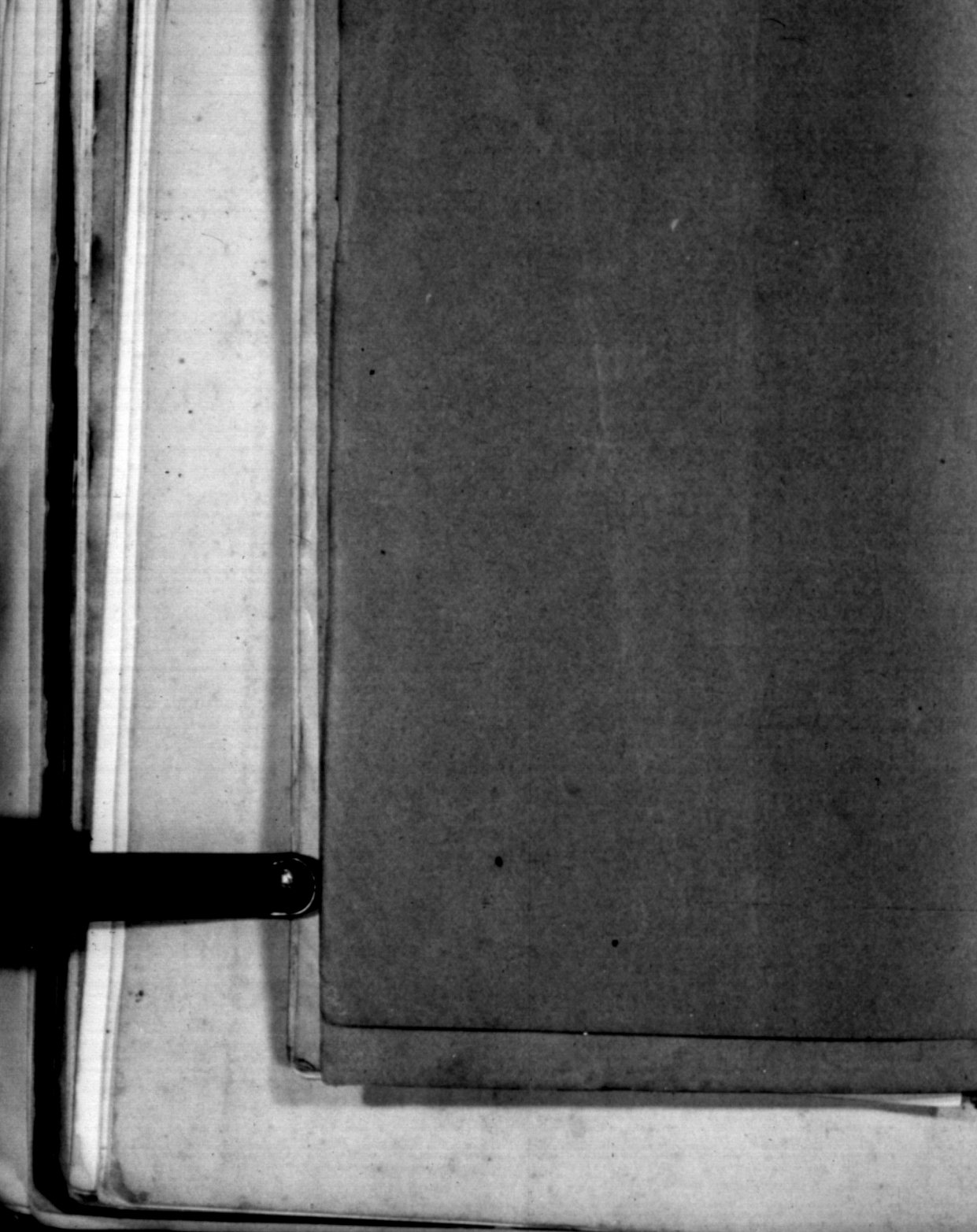


MINUTES OF THE
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—OF THE—

Chickasaw Baptist Association,

—AT ITS—

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

—HELD WITH—

New Albany Church, New Albany, Miss.

September 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th, 1887.

1887.
SOUTHERN SENTINEL,
RIPLEY, MISS.

MINUTES

Officers of Association;

C. W. SMITH,	- - -	MODERATOR, TOCCOPOLA
N. M. BERRY,	- - -	TREASURER, CHERRY CREEK
F. M. FERRELL,	- - -	CLERK, TOCCOPOLA

Executive Committee,

N. M. BERRY,	- - -	CHERRY CREEK,
W. R. SPENCER,	- - -	" "
SAM STEWART,	- - -	NEW ALBANY.
W. L. SOUTER,	- - -	PONTOTOC.
W. A. FUNK,	- - -	WALLERVILLE.
F. SOUTER,	- - -	TOCCOPOLA.

MINUTES.

The Chickasaw Association met in its Forty Eighth session with the church in New Albany on Friday 16th of September 1887.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. T. Pitts, from first part 12th verse 53rd. Chapt. of Isa. "Thence Christ as an organizer." After the sermon the congregation was dismissed until 2 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.—Association reassembled at 2 o'clock.

The Moderator read 27, Ps. Prayer by Eld. C. W. Smith. Letters from the churches were called for and read by reading clerks, N. M. Berry and F. Souter.

The Association proceeded to elect officers for the next year, Eld. W. W. Finley and Bro. J. G. Deupree were appointed to count the vote. The result was the election of Eld. C. W. Smith Mod. F. M. Ferrell Clerk, N. M. Berry Treasurer. The following committees were appointed:—

ORDER OF BUSINESS.—A. B. Knox, W. L. Souter, J. W. Powel, H. D. Blaylock and E. Hale.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—N. M. Berry, F. Souter, with the deacons of New Albany church.

Committee on Order of Business. Submitted the order of last year.

On motion the order was adopted.

CALL FOR PETITIONARY LETTERS.—Letters were presented by the following churches. Turn Pike, Bay Springs, New Prospect and Myrtle. On motion the churches were received.

The Pastor of New Albany church, Eld R. A. Cooper, made an address of welcome to delegates and visitors. Eld. G. W. Potter responded by request of Moderator. On motion it was Resolved, That the

Association spend one half hour on Saturday and Monday in devotional exercise before entering upon the work of the day.

Committee on Devotional Exercise appointed Eld. Lee to preach 7:30, to-night (Friday.) Eld W T Lowrey 11 a. m. Saturday.

On motion the Association meet at 8½ a m. Adjourn at 12, m. Meet at 2, p m. Adjourn at will.

On motion the preaching on Saturday be in the M E Church.

Adjourned with prayer by A J Quinche.

SECOND DAY. MORNING SESSION.—The Association was called to order 8:30 a m. Moderator conducted the Devotional exercise. Minutes of first day read, corrected and approved.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.—Messengers were received from Aberdeen Association.—J L Henderson H W Lantrip.

West Judson.—A B Smith, W R Hampton, J M Langston, T J Babb.

Tippah—W E Berry, W T Lowrey, H L Finley, W. G. Thompson, J E Buchanan, N S Watson and M W Darden.

Tishomingo—W L Skinner, M W Ferrell O N J Stevenson.

Yallobusha, —Oxford—A J Quinche and S H Plant. Central Association and Mississippi College—J G Deupree.

On motion all visiting brethren were received as messengers of the bodies from which they come. W W Finley was received from General Baptist Convention of Texas. John A Crooke, San Marcus Association, Tex.

Proceeded to determine place of next session.

After some talk and voting the church at Salem was unanimously agreed upon. The following were appointed committee on Nomination; W L Souther; T. J. Brown and H D Blaylock.

On motion regular order of business was suspended and Report on Miss. College and Education was called for. The report was read by A B Knox. On motion the appointment of preaching at 11 a m. was withdrawn.

Speeches on the report were made by J G Dupree, R A Cooper and W T Lowrey. Adjourned, with prayer by J G Dupree.

EVENING SESSION,—The Association was called to order at 2 p m.

Prayer by J L Henderson.

The discussion of report on Miss. Col. and Education was resumed. Speeches were made by J L Henderson J E Buchanan, W L Skinner, C W Smith, I Smith, J A Rogers, A J Quinché. On motion the report was adopted:—

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND EDUCATION,—“The College is popular with all classes of people, especially with those who desire the best moral education for their sons. We have in attendance this year a larger number of students than they have at our State University, and larger indeed than any other Southern Baptist College. Our prospects are constantly brightening. Ours is the most popular school in the state unless it be the A & M C at Starkville with its free tuition. The support of the College is now made a part of our denominational work in this state. Our people are praying for it and going to it. Their individual gifts are small, but they come from the heart. We are trying to get churches to give us as regularly, if not as largely as they do to missions. This will not only give us pecuniary support but will send the best boys in the state to the College for training. We have 70,000 white Baptists in the state and over 1,000 churches with 500 preachers. When we get this mighty host properly awake to the importance of higher Christian education the influence of the College for good will be greater than words can tell. They are rapidly awakening. Year by

year, the influence of the College widens. Our students this year come from eight different States and Territories. It has representatives among its graduates to-day in Europe, Asia and Africa as well as in our own land. No College in the South has a brighter out-look than this one. Some fifty of the present number of our students have the Christian Ministry in view. The denomination that controls it is the dominant religious influence in the state. If this College and the Jackson College (for colored youth) at Jackson were endorsed, what a power they would become in leading onward and upward the 225,000 white and colored Baptist of Miss. Not only could we hold the influence which we now have, but we could increase it many fold. This is above all things what our state needs to-day—institutions of learning that will train the young to modes of thought and manner of life superior to those of their fathers. To endow the College so as to enable it better to do this work, would be an act of eminent philanthropy as well as of genuine christianity. This is the language of the President of the College. He says he has given his life and his means and will give to fully prepare the College for its great work. A great work indeed and the necessity of awakening to the demands for education is upon us; if we fail to apprehend the duty and benefit of educating, we will suffer much. Let us lift up our eyes and look upon the field and put forth our energies in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KNOX.

Report on State Mission was read by Bro. F. Souther. Report was discussed by F. Souther, A. I. Quinche, J. L. Henderson.

A quilt was exhibited by Eld. J. T. Pitts, made by a sister who desired that the Association buy it and appropriate the price to the Mission cause. The quilt was bought for \$10. and money applied as desired.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise made the following appointments:—

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Eld. W. T. Lowrey Baptist church, 7:30 tonight.
 Eld. W. G. Thompson and W. E. Berry address
 Sabbath school in Baptist church on Sunday at 8 o'clock.
 Ladies meeting to-morrow (Sunday) at 4 P. M.
 Eld. W. L. Skinner Baptist church Sunday 11 A. M.
 " W. W. Finley " " " 7:30 P. M.
 " G. W. Potter M. E. church Sunday 11 A. M.
 " C. W. Smith " " " 7:30 P. M.
 " J. L. Henderson Locust Grove " 11 A. M.
 Rev. W. P. Winters Lebanon " 11 A. M.
 Eld. H. L. Finley Locust Grove " 7:30 P. M.
 " C. W. Smith Ripley " 11 A. M.
 Adjourned, prayer by W. W. Finley.

THIRD DAY, THE SABBATH:—The various appointments of the Committee on Devotional Exercises were filled. Ministers appointed supplying the churches of New Albany and adjacent country.

FOURTH DAY. MORNING SESSION:—Association was called to order at 8½ A. M. Moderator conducted Devotional Exercises. Appointed as committee on Finance, W A Fulk, J T Brown, H D Blaylock. Minutes of Saturday read, corrected and confirmed. Discussion of report on State Mission was resumed. Remarks by W W Finley, Sam Stewart, H L Finley, G W Potter, I M Gray, N M Berry, J T Pitts. On motion the report was adopted:

STATE MISSION.

Through the blessings of God and efforts of the brethren, our State Mission stands on higher grounds now than ever before and is still ascending the scale of progress toward that point marked by the word of God to be christian duty. The reorganization of the State Board and plan of operation adopted at the State convention in July 1885, seems to commend itself to the churches and associations generally, and we are glad to report that under its provisions contributions and operations have been vastly increased. Fifty-

seven missionaries have been employed, some for a part and some for all of their time, during the past year who have baptized over 700 converts, organized 80 churches and 33 Sabbath schools, and notwithstanding the extreme short crop of last year, all over the state contributions were increased over 30 per ct.

The Missionaries were all paid up promptly and the board out of debt. One grand step in the march of progress, is the interest Pastors are taking generally, by preaching missions to their churches, collecting contributions and sending them direct to the Board, thus saving the expense of agencies and enjoying the approbation of him who said, "teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and when this is done and churches are properly indoctrinated on the subject of Missions, they invariably evince liberality in paying Pastors salary, thus all God's people are rewarded for a faithful discharge of duty. But while we have much to be thankful for, there remains much to be done. The harvest is white. The laborers might be sufficient under Gods providence if his people could be made willing to contribute according to the Gospel standard, therefore we cannot afford to relax our efforts nor our prayers until every member of every church is taught that cheerful contributions and earnest prayers for Missions, are no small part of our christian duty. May God help us in this great work. R's't. submitted.

FRANK SOUTER

The Association then joined with W W Finley in a prayer of thanksgiving for union of sentiment exhibited in the adoption of report on State Mission.

On motion the following Brethren were appointed on Executive Committee: N M Berry, W R Spencer, Sam Stewart, W L Souter, A W Funk, F Souter.

The report on Sabbath School was read by Bro. John W Powel. Remarks by Sam Stewart, N M Berry, J T Pitts, G W Potter. On motion the report was amended by inserting Sabbath school literature mentioned in report on Documents and Publications.

On motion the report as amended was adopted:—

SABBATH SCHOOL.

There has been much said and written on this subject. Reports have been made, essays written and speeches delivered and still the work is not fairly begun. Your committee knows not what is best to be said and done to awaken our people on this great subject. A Sabbath school is nothing more than teaching the holy scripture through the direction of the church, therefore the proper training of the young mind for the right understanding of the Bible. While the mind is tender and susceptible, it is so necessary for the future usefulness and happiness of the child, that we cannot find language to express the importance of such training. The object of the Sabbath school is to teach the children about Jesus, and as early impressions are said to be the most lasting, we should therefore lay a solid foundation in the mind of the child, though it may in after years wander, yet we may hope it will not entirely depart. We look upon the Sunday school and its work as one among the evangelizing powers. The medium through which the world may be christianized, and of vital importance to the growth of our churches, and an efficient means of imparting religious knowledge to the children growing up in our midst, who in the future are to become the pillars of the Baptist churches. The duty is so plain, the importance so great and the obligation so binding, that we should see to it, that the lessons taught in the Sabbath school should be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the Bible truth. Strange to say, some of our brethren have not got the courage, or are too "great moral cowards" to teach them the "all things whatsoever I have commanded you" for fear of giving offense. This ought not to be so. It is an important work upon which the very richest blessings of heaven rests, and we should want no higher honor than to be a true and faithful friend to the children. There are three things necessary to the success of a Sabbath

school; consideration, concert of action and prayer.

Combine these and success is certain. By way of encouragement we would say there are about 8,500,000 pupils in the Sunday schools in this country. Let us be faithful and teach them the truth in love and not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. As an aid to the study of the scripture we recommend the Sunday school literature of Kind Words published at Atlanta, Ga., and American Baptist publication Society, Philadelphia, Penn.

R's't submitted

JOHN W. POWEL.

Bro. G. W. Potter read the report on Foreign Missions. Remarks by G W Potter, W. W. Finley, Sam Stewart, N. M. Berry, W. L. Souther, F. Souther.

Communication from Bro. Geo. Whitfield V. P. F. M. B. was read by Bro. R. A. Cooper. On motion the report on Foreign Missions was amended by the addition of letter from Geo. Whitfield.

On motion the report as amended was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We consider the Foreign Mission work one of equal importance with any other work fostered by our denomination. It is part of the work included in the commission "Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature." The success attending our work among the heathen during the past years has been very encouraging indeed. It is true that in places the work has been retarded by different circumstances, yet nothing so far has suggested any reason for discontinuing the work. The report of the State Convention shows a decrease in the number of missionaries since last year; some have been called home for a short time and some to stay as the Board did not feel able to send out others in their places. Many persons both men and women are said to be ready and anxious to go out to different parts of the Foreign field, and an urgent call for more laborers comes from

every station occupied by our missionaries. But the Board has been compelled to refuse these calls for want of means to support any more missionaries. Contributions to the Board increased during last year, and it is stated also that our own State contributed \$4,000; being the largest amount ever given by us to Foreign Missions in one year. Our people greatly need information in regard to the necessities of the Foreign Mission work. When Christ wished to concern the disciples about their work He said "lift up your eyes and behold the fields." If they saw they would feel and could pray. So it is now; knowledge of our Foreign mission work is what our people need, and that is what they do not have—many of them have no knowledge of this work at all, and have no concern whatever about it—and so knowing little about it, they feel but little for it, and give but little to it, either of sympathy, prayer or money. A knowledge of our mission work is what our Ministers and Pastors need also. It would cause them to preach more about missions and enable them in their preaching to give their churches burning facts from the field which would melt their hearts and in some cases open their purses. Some means should be adopted by which our people can become better informed in reference to all our mission work, and when they are sufficiently informed—and not till then—may we expect them to support the work in every proper way. Our appeals for help and sympathy will not meet a general response till there is a general diffusion of knowledge, and copious showers of grace. Our people must be educated to believe that supporting mission work is worshiping God and glorifying him as they are commanded to do. Our system of education in religious matters must be improved or our people will remain far behind what their opportunities offer them. Let us up and at this work in earnest, if we hope to do anything worthy the name of Christians.

Respectfully submitted

G. W. POTTER.

Very few of the inhabitants of the world have ever yet heard the Gospel. Nine tenths of it lies to-day in the darkness of Catholicism and Paganism. Only one tenth is light with the Gospel. We live in the light part; but 1,200,000,000 souls live in the darkness. Much has been done by Baptists and other Christians to send the Gospel to these. About 3,000 men and 2,500 women missionaries have gone to help carry it to them. But these are far too few. The three States, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi have more ministers than all the heathen world, yet these states think they have not ministers enough, but want more. What then shall we say of the heathen? Lord Redstock estimates that India alone to-day needs 10,000 additional missionaries. What then shall we say of Africa and China? More than 40,000 additional missionaries, and the money to support them is to-day needed in heathen lands, and places are ready and waiting for them to fill.

Southern Baptists have, including the Cuban Mission, 21 men and 31 women missionaries, with 60 native assistants in foreign fields. Number of converts 1748; baptisms 390; pupils in schools 1171. Some of their missions are very prosperous. Thus Brother A. J. Diaz in Havana wrote last March, that he had baptized in two months 102 candidates; and that from every part of the island of Cuba the cry came "We want the Gospel." And later, that he and his wife had arisen from their bed "10 times in one night to thank God for the wonderful things he was doing for the cause in and around Havana." From Mexico Bro. W. D. Powell writes of the "grandest trip of his life, having baptized 81 converts and organized two churches in the month of July." From China Brother Yates writes of one of his deacons "Your son, who has at his own expense built a chapel costing \$1,000," in which preaching is regularly held.

To support their missionaries, Southern Baptists

gave last year about \$90,000; of which Mississippi Baptists gave \$45,000. Much more is needed this year, and we of Mississippi are asked for \$8,000 as our part of what is needed. And you Brethren of this association are asked in Christ's name to contribute your share of this amount. Every one of our stations need reinforcements. New and inviting fields are opening continually before our missionaries; and they are begging for men and means to enter them; and, Brethren, they ought not to beg in vain. The time was when Christians prayed that the world might be opened to the Gospel; it is all opened now. Then Christians prayed for laborers to go as missionaries. And now 3,000 young men and women in this country and 1,600 in England many of them Baptists, have enrolled their names as ready and waiting to be sent to any foreign field. This list of names is constantly increasing and every day new application for work in foreign fields are coming in. O! if Christians could see the hand of God in these things and give as they could of their money to send these young laborers to the waiting fields! The world would soon have the Gospel then, and the kingdom of God become on earth. The following suggestions are recommended:

1. The extensive distribution of missionary tracts and papers among the churches of the association, that the people may in the language of Christ "look upon the fields," Jno. 4; 35.

2. The observing by the churches in some way a monthly concert or meeting of prayer for missions; thus obeying Christ's command to "pray ye also the Lord of the harvest, to send forth laborers into his harvest," Luke, 10; 2.

3. Liberal giving of our money to send out and support missionaries; thus making an abundance of the Gospel be a supply for the wants of the heathen, 2; Cor., 8-14.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WHITFIELD.

Vice Pres. for Miss. Board.

Leave of absence was granted E Hale, J W Adams, J N Dodds and A Martin. A contribution of \$8.60 was made to a widow in the Association. and \$12.55 to Foreign Missions.

Adjourned with prayer by R A Cooper.

EVENING SESSION.—Association reassembled at 2 o'clock Prayer by Hiram Pitts. Report on Temperance was read by Sam Stewart. Committee on nomination made the following report.

C W Smith to preach the Introductory sermon, G W Potter, Alternate. W L SOUTER Ch'm.

On motion the report was received.

Committees on finance made following report.

On motion the report was received. Your committee find the following sent up from churches for minutes.

Amaziah.....	\$1 00	Oak Grove.....	\$105
Abbeville.....	1 00	New Prospect.....	45
Bluff Springs.....	75	New Hope.....	75
Bothel L C.....	45	Pleasant Hill.....	145
Bay Springs.....	45	Philadelphia.....	160
Cypress Creek.....	105	Piney Grove.....	35
Cherry Creek.....	395	Poplar Springs.....	80
Cary Springs.....	60	Pleasant Dale.....	40
Duncan Creek.....	90	Spring Creek.....	180
Friendship.....	1 00	Spring Hill.....	100
Liberty.....	170	Salem.....	50
Mt Pisgah.....	75	Shiloh.....	120
Macedonia.....	85	Temperance Hill.....	75
Mt Pleasant.....	230	Toccopola.....	125
Midway.....	60	Union.....	40
Myrtle.....	50	Zion Hill.....	50
New Albany.....	250	Total.....	\$34.50

Respectfully Submitted,

W. A. FUNK.

The Report on Temperance was discussed, by W. W. Finley J. T. Pitts, A B Pitts, A. B Knox, Sam Stewart — Rogers.

On motion the report was adopted:—

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

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Your committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following: "Satan has no more potent agency in all this land of ours than the liquor traffic. It is to science, civilization and Christianity their greatest hindrance. Under God its removal must depend upon the forming of a wholesome public sentiment, the power of conscience enlightened by the word of God, and upon the strong arm of the civil law, wisely enacted and faithfully enforced. As this temperance reformation is God's work, we should go to the fountain of all wisdom for direction, and invoke His blessing upon all efforts put forth to exterminate the liquor traffic, that the young may be saved from the snares of the tempter and the bonds broken that now hold so many as willing captives in the slavery of strong drink. In view of the fact that all drunkards come from the ranks of the moderate dram-drinkers, the influence that even a moderate use of it may have upon others, and especially the young, we earnestly urge total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, believing it to be contrary to the principle of Christianity to encourage the traffic in any way. We declare that the whole liquor system is wrong in principle and most pernicious in results, making the nation a partner in the guilt and shame of the liquor business, and a violation of the high trust God has committed to civil government; that it is a sin against God and humanity; that evil cannot be regulated, it can only be prohibited. that absolute unconditional prohibition by constitutional amendment is the end at which we should aim; the ultimatum which alone we are willing to accept.

We endorse the action of states and our National Congress in enacting laws requiring instruction in our public schools in regard to the effects of alcohol and other narcotics upon the human system, and regret that our last Legislature did not enact such a law in our state.

We reiterate that since the complete triumph of

temperance principles must depend on sound reason and improved education, we therefore advise and urge that instruction in hygiene and alcohol be introduced into all colleges and other schools of our denomination, and also urge the adoption of at least one Sabbath in each quarter for teaching temperance lessons in our Sabbath schools. The liquor traffic has assumed such an attitude as to force every one to take a stand for or against it. It is inconsistent with our profession as Christians to either make, buy, sell or use as a beverage any intoxicating liquors. It is the duty of every Christian to labor in every proper way for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and of every Christian voter to vote as he prays, against this soul-destroying and God dishonoring evil. We urge our churches to enforce discipline, so that the cause of Christ may not in the future, as in the past, be brought into contempt by members patronizing and otherwise supporting or encouraging the saloon. We endorse, commend and say God bless the efforts of the W. C. T. U. for the suppression of the liquor traffic. We recommend that our ministers and laymen shall endeavor to inculcate sound temperance principles in the minds of the colored race. They are among us, and if we fail to instruct and enlighten them, they will fall an easy pray to the friends of the saloon against the home."

Respectfully submitted
SAM STEWART, for Committee.

The report on state of Religion by D. C. M. Big-
ham was read by G. W. Potter. On motion it was
adopted.

STATE OF RELIGION.

We report prosperity generally among the churches
of the Chickasaw Association. More than two hun-
dred accessions by baptism were reported by the let-

ters from the different churches. We also note with pleasure that most of the churches have had revivals among their members. We think that the spirit of religion is good, and that our churches are gradually being educated to co-operate with our mission work. For all of which let us thank God.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. M. BIGHAM

The report on Documents and Publications was read by T. J. Brown. On motion the report was amended by adding Kind Words Publication and American Baptist Publication Society. On motion the report as amended was adopted.

DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATION.

We recommend our brethren to take and read the Baptist Record, The Tennessee Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal, and as Sabbath school literature Kind Words Publication and American Baptist Publication Society. and as a temperance advocate the Sword and Shield, and that the clerk superintend the printing and distributing the minutes of the Association and that he have so much of the proceedings of the Union Meeting published as relate to the time and place of meeting; also the names of brethren appointed to preach stated sermons, and those to write essays, and the queries selected for discussion, and that he be allowed 7.50 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BROWN.

The Treasurers report was read by Bro. N. M. Berry. On motion was adopted.

TREASURERS REPORT.

N. M. Berry Treasurer.

To Chicago Association.

Dr.

Feb. 1st. Cash from Liberty church; \$10.80

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Feb. 1st	Cash	"	Cherry C'k.	"	1.25
Feb. 24,	"	"	Duncans C'h.	"	5.15
M'ch 14,	"	"	Shiloh	"	10.00
Apr'l 9th.	"	"	Mt. Pleasant	"	21.50
" 9th.	"	"	Liberty	"	2.75
"	"	"	Cherry C'k.	"	49.45
" 25th.	"	"	Liberty	"	3.35
June 4th.	"	"	Cherry C'k.	"	8.30
July 10th.	"	"	"	"	19.85
" 20th.	"	"	"	"	3.25
Sept. 19th.	"	"	Spring C'k	" FM	3.70
" 19th.	"	"	Sale Quilt	"	10.00
" 19th.	"	"	Macedonia,	"	2.00
" 19th.	"	"	New Hope	"	1.00
" 19th.	"	"	Spring C'k	" HM	1.75
" 19th.	"	"	" (Col.)	"	90
" 19th.	"	"	Collections for sister Scott,	"	8.60
" 19th.	"	"	" F. M.	"	12.55
" 19th.	"	"	La. M. S. Amaziah	"	6.05
" 19th.	"	"	From Zion Hill	"	3.25

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Feb. 21st.	By am't p'd J B Gambrell Sec. S S M B	10.80
Ap'l. 20th.	" " " "	89.10
July 21st.	" " B W Griffeth Treas.	35.75
Sept. 19th	" " Sis'r Scott by W L Souther	8.60
"	" on hand to bal.	41.20

\$ 185 45.

The following amt's were sent direct to the Board
which did not pass through my hands.

Cash from Toccpola c'h.	53.20
" " Bethel " L. Co.	15.50
" " Mt Pleasant " F. M.	20.50
" " Friendship "	19.00

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Respectfully Submitted,
N. M. BERRY, Treas.

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS.

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Aberdeen Association—N M Berry, J T Pitts, W L Souter, Sam Stewart.

Calhoun—W A Rogers, J W Powell, J T Pitts.

Cold Water—H D Blaylock, A J Gaines, T J Brown, J McC Tucker, I M Gray J H Morgan J W Boatwright.

East Judson—J T Pitts, I Smith, W A Funk, W B Dickson.

West Judson—J T Pitts, I Smith, N M Berry, W A Funk, W L Souter, J McC Tucker, G W Potter, C W Smith.

Oxford—J W Powell, W P Winters, C W Smith, A J Gaines, F Souter.

Tippah—A J Gaines, H D Blaylock, J A Robins, S C Darden,

Tishomingo—N M Berry, W R Spencer, Sam Stewart.

Baptist State Convention—C W Smith, R A Cooper, F Souter, J W Powell, I Smith, H D Blaylock, W P Winters, J T Brown, J T Pitts, F M Ferrell, N M Berry, G W Potter, G A Logan, W L Souter, J H Morgan.

The following committees were appointed:

State Missions—J T Brown.

Foreign Missions—Eld. J T Pitts.

Mississippi College and Education—Eld R A Cooper.

State of Religion—Eld. J H Morgan.

Sabbath Schools—Jeff Rogers.

Temperance—Rev. W P Winters.

Documents and Publications—Eld. F M Ferrell.

On motion the acknowledgement of Pleasant Dale church or account of communing with other denominations was accepted.

The following resolution was presented by J W Powell, and on motion as adopted.

Resolved, that the clerk of this Association be authorized to print a form for a church letter on the

blank leaf of Minutes, and that each church be positively required to fill out said letter on the Minutes as their church letter for the next session of this Association, and that any other letter except the one above described will not be received except by a special motion of this body.

On motion the resolution of Mt. Pleasant church asking for the compiling and printing of history of the Association be placed in the hands of executive committees for their consideration and preparation of material for said history.

On motion the Association expresses its appreciation of the kindness and hospitalities shown by Brethren, Sisters and friends of New Albany during the session of this body. Minutes of Monday were read and approved. Association adjourned. Prayer by I. Smith.

C. W. SMITH, Mod.

F. M. FERRELL, Clerk

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st. Call for petitionary letters.
- 2nd. Call for Correspondents.
- 3rd. Determine place of holding next session.
- 4th. Elect minister to preach introductory sermon.
- 5th. Call for reports of standing committees, viz:
 - 1st. State Missions.
 - 2nd. Mississippi College and Education.
 - 3rd. Sabbath schools.
 - 4th. Foreign Missions.
 - 5th. Temperance.
 - 6th. State of Religion.
 - 7th. Documents and Publications.
 - 8th. Report on Finance.
 - 9th. Report of Treasurer.
 - 10th. Appoint correspondents.
 - 11th. Appoint standing committee.
 - 12th. General business.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D C M Bigham.....	Cherry Creek, Miss.
F M Ferrell.....	Toccopola,
Thos. Gorley.....	Randolph,
I M Gray.....	Darden, "
A J Gaines.....	Waterford,
W P Hutchinson.....	Holder,
J R Johnston.....	Abbeville,
H L Kidd.....	Experanza, "
Wm Langston.....	New Albany, "
E C Mahan.....	Thaxton, "
J H Morgan.....	Bethlehem, "
E Murphy.....	Lafayette Springs, "
F M Vines.....	" "
N E McGreger.....	Toccopola, "
W H Miller.....	Oxford, "
G W Potter.....	Cherry Creek, "
J T Pitts.....	" " "
R J Pickens.....	Darden, "
G J Robbins.....	Experanza, "
J P Rogers.....	Waterford, "
W A Rodgers.....	Pontotoc, "
I Smith.....	Wallerville, "
C W Smith.....	Toccopola, "
J N Swain.....	Darden, "

LICENTIATES.

J M Cleaveland.....	New Albany, Miss.
W R Fairson.....	Darden, "
J J Gibson.....	Oxford, "
A J Jones.....	Wallerville, "
W L Mullins.....	Dallas, "
R H Purvis.....	Oxford, "
J H Rhea.....	Toccopola, "
W P Winter.....	" "
Foster Robbins.....	Keownville, "
S D Shelton.....	" "
W B Tutor.....	Randolph, "
T J Verner.....	" "
G N Williams.....	Graham, "
J L C Vann.....	Abbeville, "

UNION MEETING.

Union meeting of the First District will meet with Spring Hill church Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in Aug. 1888, Eld. D C M Bigham to preach the Introductory. Eld. J T Pitts, Alternate.

The following Brethren were appointed to write on subjects named.

1st. How to keep up the interest of the Union Meeting, G. W. Potter W. L. Souther alt.

2nd. Importance and advantage of taking and reading our religious literature, J. T. Swain.

3rd. The importance of our churches and ministers adhering more strictly to the character and scriptural qualifications of the man whom they liberate and ordain as ministers.

4th. The Bible plan for extending and supporting the mission work by the churches, R. A. Cooper.

5th. The best method of studying and teaching Bible doctrines, J. T. Pitts.

6th. The observance of the Sabbath, Young Tucker.

7th. Can a christian grow in grace and not discharge his duties as a christian, B. F. Whitten.

8th. The importance of a higher standard of morality among the young men of our country H. W. Lantrip.

9th. The importance of the Sabbath School, R. J. Pickens.

QUERIES.

1st. How can we reach, with the gospel those who refuse to attend church?

2nd. What positions should christians take on the question of prohibition?

I. SMITH, Moderator.

J. T. SWAIN, Clerk.

The Union Meeting of the Second District will meet with Macedonia church on Thursday before sec-

ond Saturday in August 1888. A. J. Gaines to preach the Introductory. G. E. Murphy alt.

The following Brethren were appointed to write on subjects viz;

1st. Who are the Missionary Baptists and whence came they, J. H. Morgan?

2nd. Is pulpit affiliation scriptural? K. C. Morgan.

3rd. What becomes of the soul after death until the resurrection? A. J. Gaines.

4th. Is feet washing a church ordinance? J. T. Brown.

5th. Preservation of the Saints, C. W. Smith.

6th. Is the Lord's Supper a church ordinance? J. R. Johnson.

7th. Bible plan of sustaining the mission work by the churches, F. Souter.

QUERIES.

1st. Has a church the right to exclude a member without notification?

2nd. Was Judas Iscariot at the institution of the Lord's Supper?

F. SOUTER, Moderator.

H. H. KIRK, Clerk.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dis- cled by Let'r.	Died.	Total Mem't-ship.	Paid Pastor.....	Paid State Miss'ns.	Paid for Foreign Missions.....	Pd for Miss. Col. and ministe'l Ed.	Expended for Ch. building..	Total paid to dif- ferent objects..	Sabbath of Meet- ing.....
Antioch.....																	2
Amaziah.....	I. M. Gray.....	Cornersville.....	I. M. Gray, T. L. Ruff, J. T. West.....	11	7	1	3			120							2
Abbeville.....	J. R. Farish.....	Abbeville.....		1	2			5		27	\$100 00						2
Bethel, (L. C.).....	C. W. Smith.....	Oxford.....	H. B. Vaughn, J. J. Gibson, J. R. Crow.....	9	3			9	1	108	100 00	\$10 00	\$15 15		\$24 00	\$124 00	2
Bethel, (U. C.).....	E. C. Mahan.....	Esperanza.....	G. J. Robbins, W. A. Howard, J. S. Dyson, alt. J. H. Robbins.	10		2		15	1	68						125 15	1
Bluff Springs.....	F. M. Vines.....	Denmark.....	W. H. Miller, A. N. Singleton, J. J. Carter.....	2				7		48	41 00					41 00	2
Bay Springs.....	W. P. Hutchinson.....	Holder.....	D. A. Gregory, J. Fuller, R. D. Roberts.....		4					10		50				50	3
Cypress Creek.....	F. M. Ferrell.....	Liberty Hill.....	J. M. Parks, A. R. Owens, Joe Berry.....		2			4	2	31							1
Cherry Creek.....	I. Smith.....	Cherry Creek.....	J. T. Pitts, D. C. M. Bigham, N. M. Berry, alt. W. R. Spencer.	26	2	2	1	2	2	172	125 00	56 25	24 40	11 45		218 10	4
Cary Springs.....	J. Griffin.....	Randolph.....	E. McGregor, J. J. Simmons, W. M. Lindsey.....	13	1			7	2	93		5 15				5 15	4
Duncan's Creek.....	J. T. Pitts.....	Thaxton.....	W. B. Dickson, C. F. Wells, W. P. Hooker.....	12			1	11	2	89	125 00	19 00			3 00	147 00	3
Friendship.....	C. W. Smith.....	Cherry Creek.....	Toney Jackson, W. L. Souther, J. B. Phyfer.....	1	4			1		66							3
Fredonia.....	J. T. Pitts.....	Fredonia.....	J. F. McGraw, B. T. Smith, Wm. Huskison.....	2	1			1		88							4
Liberty.....	J. E. Buchanan.....	Fairview.....	B. F. Whiting, B. J. Caldwell, W. A. Funk, T. D. Branden.....	1	4			1		88							4
Mount Pleasant.....	G. W. Potter.....	Wallerville.....	I. Smith, G. W. Potter, J. F. Coleman, alt. D. C. Mitchell.....	2	5			1	2	140	98 25	21 50	20 50			140 25	1
Mount Pisgah.....	R. J. Pickens.....	Darden.....	R. J. Pickens, H. Marshall, H. D. King, J. T. Beard.....	17	5			17	1	115		5 65	5 60			11 25	2
Midway.....	I. M. Gray.....	Caswell.....	W. P. Hutchinson, G. W. Alford, U. A. Temple.....		3			6	1	64							3
Macedonia.....	W. P. Hutchinson.....	Darden.....	S. C. Darden, A. Martin, W. N. Swain, alt. W. J. Rhea.....	9	18			9	1	54	13 40	2 00	5 00	100 00	120 50		3
Myrtle.....	R. A. Cooper.....	Beulah.....	J. T. Baker, E. W. Riley, alt. J. E. Coltharp.....	10	2		2	10		97							3
New Hope.....	W. A. Rogers.....	Pontotoc.....	W. A. Seals, J. C. Collins, G. W. Sibley, alt. J. Weaver.....	7	11	3		5	2	97	500 00	15 00	15 00		530 00	2 & 4	
New Albany.....	R. A. Cooper.....	New Albany.....	R. A. Cooper, Z. M. Stevens, Sam Stewart.....							25							1
New Prospect.....	G. J. Robins.....	Thaxton.....	W. T. Robbins, J. T. Todd, E. L. Dillard, alt. H. L. Kidd.....	9		1	1	5	3	114		10 00				10 00	1
Oak Grove.....	I. Smith.....	Myrtle.....	W. C. Beard, Perry Henry, J. N. Dodds, alt. T. N. Paine.....	17	7	7		1		80	75 00	10 75	10 00			95 75	2
Poplar Springs.....	F. M. Ferrell.....	Delay.....	J. W. Powell, S. A. Hughes, J. D. Hughes, C. Coleman.....	1			6	9	3	143							4
Pleasant Hill.....	I. Smith.....	Keownville.....	W. J. Robbins, I. B. Robbins, L. J. Jarvis, alt. J. B. Rhea.....	1	2		1	6	3	112							1
Philadelphia.....	F. M. Ferrell.....	Walton.....	E. Hale, J. W. Adams, J. T. H. Baker.....	7	3	1	1	1		60							1
Piney Grove.....	W. H. Miller.....	Toccopola.....	T. Gorbv. E. C. Mahan, John Rhea, alt. T. J. Carr.....	35	5	13		5	1	161							4
Pleasant Dale.....	G. E. Murphy.....	Liberty Hill.....	J. E. Sullivan, F. Sullivan, J. G. Drewry.....	3	4		8	8	3	83							1
Spring Hill.....	W. A. Mayo.....	Pontotoc.....	W. A. Rodgers, Walter Souther, J. C. Harris, J. Wingo.....	2		1	2	1		58							1
Shiloh.....	F. M. Vines.....	Lafayette Sp'gs.....	G. E. Murphy, John Gray, J. M. Poole.....	2						113							4
Shady Grove.....				6	3		1	6	1	27	48 00						1
Salem.....	W. C. Gillen.....	Bethlehem.....	J. H. Morgan, W. Blanchard, J. B. Rhen.....	6	1		13			94	125 00	28 20	25 00	59 32	107 32		3
Spring Creek.....	A. J. Gaines.....	Waterford.....	A. J. Gaines, J. T. Brown, H. D. Blaylock.....							20				10 00	188 20		2
Temperance Hill.....	I. M. Gray.....	Holly Springs.....	N. J. Harrell, Rob't Gullet, J. W. Boatwright.....							57							3
Toccopola.....	C. W. Smith.....	Toccopola.....	C W Smith, F M Ferrell, W P Winters, alt. F Souter, J Hodges.	6	1					68							4
Turn Pike.....	W. P. Winters.....	Pontotoc.....	E. C. Coulee, J. F. Haney, C. W. Coulee.....														1
Union.....	F. M. Ferrell.....	Dallas.....	J. L. Hartsfield, J. W. Watts, W. B. Moreland.....		1			7	1								2
Zion Hill.....	I. M. Gray.....	New Albany.....	J. P. Tate, W. H. Russell, Thomas Wood.....	6	1			1									3
TOTALS.....				225	108	33	28	178	33	2792	1351 75	184 00	120 65	11 45	196 32	1668 82	4

